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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 30 Emergency Order: 35

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an announcement for Egegik and an update for Ugashik District fishermen. The time is 3:00 p.m. and the date is Monday, July 2, 2012.

In Egegik: Escapement for July 1 was 16,000. Cumulative escapement is 250,000 and cumulative catch is 1.1 million fish. Fish that passed into the river over the last two tides are beginning to arrive at the tower site indicating travel time to the tower is a little over one day. We will still be cautious when considering commercial fishing, but passage levels justify a commercial opportunity on the morning of July 3. We will take tonight's tide off.

Commercial fishing will be permitted in the Egegik District with set gillnets from 10:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday July 3.....an 8-hour period. Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be permitted from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday July 3.....a 4 hour period.

In Ugashik- Catch on July 1 was 185,000 and escapement was 2,200. Cumulative catch is 775,000 and cumulative escapement is 26,000. The inriver test fishery catches dropped off on Sunday. The fleet will take Tuesday July 3rd off to allow for escapement and time for the fish to redistribute within the district. The earliest time for the next possible opener will be on the morning tide July 4.

Fishermen in Egegik and Ugashik districts should stand by at 300 p.m. Tuesday, July 3 for the next possible announcement.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

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